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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT(S): Charlton *et al.*  
SERIAL NO.: 09/441,875 GROUP NO.: 1641  
FILING DATE: November 17, 1999 EXAMINER: Pensee T. Do  
TITLE: TEST DEVICE AND METHOD FOR COLORED PARTICLE  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 28, 2001, please extend the date for response by two months up to and including May 28, 2002. Applicants enclose an Information Disclosure Statement, a PTO-1449 form together with copies of art cited thereon, a petition for a two month extension of time, and a check to cover the requisite extension fee and the Information Disclosure Statement.

**REQUEST FOR TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW**

The undersigned respectfully requests a telephonic interview with Examiner Do *prior* to issuance of a further Office Action in the instant application. The undersigned believes that a interview with Examiner Do may be sufficient to resolve any issues remaining in the case. The Examiner is invited to call Duncan A. Greenhalgh at 617-248-7317 to arrange a convenient time for the interview.